

and other axial ends of the ring-like portion, respectively. Nowhere within the '976 document is there a discussion of an inductor forming member being fixed to the rotor yoke by forcing protrusion means formed on the peripheral wall of a rotor yoke. The structures identified within the Office action do not provide such fixing via force formation. Accordingly, claim 1 and the claims dependent therefrom are allowable.

The Office action asserts that claims 3 and 7/3 are unpatentable in view of the '976 document in view of the patent to Richter et al (U.S. Patent No. 3,925,694, herein after the Richter patent), and rejects claims 4-6, and 7/4 - 7/6 in view of the '976 document, the Richter patent, and further in view of JP56038964 to Nakano et al (herein after the Nakano document). However, none of these cited references disclose the method of fixing a ring-like inductor forming member to a rotor yoke. In pertinent part, the Office action specifically asserts that the Richter patent discloses a first outer peripheral area, a second outer peripheral area smaller than the first outer peripheral area, and a third outer peripheral area smaller than the second outer peripheral area. However, such three peripheral areas are not provided by Richter. Richter merely provides a ring-shaped receiving member formed of two portions. It is quiet clear that those two portions have the same-sized peripheral areas. And again, as mentioned above, there is no description within the Richter patent regarding protrusions for fixing a ring-like portion. As such, the Richter patent can not remedy the deficiencies of the '976 document.


Focusing on the Nakano document, protrusions extending in an axial direction and the ring-like portion are not even disclosed. As such, the Nakano patent can not remedy the deficiencies of the '976 document and Richter. Specifically, within the Nakano document, there is no description regarding a method of fixing an inductor forming member.

Therefore, all of the presently pending claims are allowable in view of any combination of the cited documents.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. If, after considering the present remarks the Examiner foresees some obstacle for allowing to allowing the present application, the Examiner is explicitly invited to contact the below signed attorney for an interview in order to elevate such obstacle.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 33498.

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